



REGULAR MEETING
 December 14, 2023

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Ekdahl

Commissioners Present: Mayor Lynch, Lach, Ekdahl, Mundt

Commissioners Absent: Finley, Czilli

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Lach made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of November 16, 2023. Commissioner Mundt seconded the motion.
 4 yes 0 nays

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Commissioner Lach made a motion to approve the claims presented to the RDC on December 14, 2023. Commissioner Mundt seconded the motion.
 4 yes 0 nays

STAFF REPORTS:

No staff reports were given.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Removal of North Drive at 6260 Central Avenue via Gate
 (Portage Police Station)**

Chief Candiano spoke regarding the concerns of the increased traffic by residents using the parking lot to the north of the alleyway to get to Central Avenue by continuing to drive through the parking lot without stopping at the alleyway. He stated that the alleyway is being used more as a road as well, creating the need to stop traffic and or possibly adding "Do Not Enter" signage on alleyway. He also stated that traffic is increasing in the area as well. Discussion was held.

Commissioner Lach moved to allocate up to \$2,000.00 for signage to be determined by Captain Candiano and Street Department

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Sue Lynch
 Mayor

Vice President

Collin Czilli
 Councilperson

Secretary

Greg Lach

Members

Allen Ekdahl
 Ralph Mundt

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Superintendent Randy Reeder for as shown on diagram provided. Commissioner Mundt seconded the motion.

3 Yes 0 Nays

Other Business

Approval: Abonmarche Task/Change Order NO. 1 to Portage Library Garden Contract

Mr. Rich Piazza came before the Commission to discuss the Change Order. He stated that under the contract we are responsible for testing of the subgrade, asphalt etc. He stated this not unforeseen; it was just not awarded until they needed it (if they come across soft spots and such). Mayor Lynch asked if there would be any other cost that might arise. Mr. Piazza stated that there could be in steel, and some other inspections and if they come across any other soft spots, but are trying to limit them to as few as possible.

Commissioner Lach moved to approve the Change Order. Commissioner Eckdahl seconded the motion.

3 Yes 0 Nays

Approval: Leases for 6100 Southport Road

Mr. Bill Rathjen stated that he and Attorney Whitten have been working on the Leases for 6100 Southport Road and since we are at the end of the year, he is seeking permission to have the Mayor as President of the Commission sign the leases once they have the wording worked out with both the Forum and NIRPC.

Commissioner Mundt moved to have Mayor Lynch as President of the Commission sign the leases and as discussed. Commissioner Lach seconded the motion.

3 Yes 0 Nays

Approval: LOI for Purchase of Northside Properties

Mr. Rathjen stated that before the Commission they have the Letter of Intent to purchase Lots C, D2 and E and options on everything north of the river and is seeking permission for the President of the Commission to sign the LOI on behalf of the Redevelopment Commission.

Commissioner Lach moved to have Mayor Lynch as the President of the Redevelopment Commission to sign the LOI on behalf of the Commission subject to legal review. Commissioner Mundt seconded the motion.

3 Yes 0 Nays

Mr. Rathjen continued that with the acceptance of the LOI, there will be a production and assembly of documents that will need to be done. He requested that the Commission allocate \$30,000.00 towards these documents to be developed and accumulated.

Commissioner Lach moved to authorize the allocation of \$30,000.00 to the assembly of the documents. Commissioner Mundt seconded the motion.

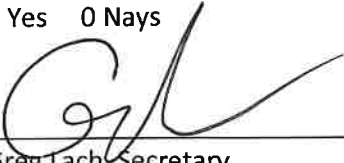
3 Yes 0 Nays

Mayor Lynch announced that World's Finest Chocolates currently in Chicago, is looking to do an expansion here in Portage. Mr. Rathjen stated that the land fits perfectly for their purposes. He thanked the Commission for their work on this project.

Attorney Whitten thanked the Commission and Mayor Lynch for the honor of working with them over the past four years.

With no further business to become before the Commission, Commissioner Mundt moved to adjourn. Commissioner Lach seconded the motion.

3 Yes 0 Nays



Greg Lach, Secretary



Sonya Lundgren, Recording Secretary